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## **SAMA-LIGONIER VALLEY TO HOST SUMMER GARDEN TOUR**

Ligonier – The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Ligonier Valley will host an inaugural Summer Garden Tour on Saturday, June 28. The tour will be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. In case of rain, the event will be rescheduled for Saturday, July 26 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. A boxed lunch will be provided. Cost is \$25 per person. Reservations are required by June 20 and can be made by calling the Museum at (724) 238-6015.

During the Summer Garden Tour, guests will be given an opportunity to learn how the beautiful grounds surrounding the Museum came to be. Auxiliary members will be on-site to discuss how the gardens were started as well as events surrounding their development. Anne Clark, SAMA's head gardener, will be available to answer any questions you may have and help identify the various plant species.

Barbara Kravits, President of the SAMA-Ligonier Valley Auxiliary, said the gardens are a major draw for the Museum and the Auxiliary felt a special event celebrating them was in order. "People enjoy the gardens and always ask about the flowers, so we decided to have a fundraiser and offer tours of the gardens."

Weeders and Seeders will be in attendance to present on several topics such as "Insects: Good and Bad," and will also be exhibiting some of their floral displays. Floral arrangement demonstrations will be a part of the program, and John Mayer, the artist who created the cattail sculpture on the Museum lawn, will be on-hand to talk about the installation. Guests also will have an opportunity to purchase irises and other plants. Proceeds will benefit Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art.

The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Ligonier Valley is located at One Boucher Lane and Route 711 South in Ligonier. Hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 1 to 5 p.m. weekends. The Museum is a handicapped-accessible facility and is open to the public free of charge. For more information, call the Museum or visit [www.sama-art.org](http://www.sama-art.org).